

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING PRESIDENT RONALD WILSON REAGAN

SPEECH OF

### HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, it's a great honor to talk for a few minutes this afternoon about our 40th President—Ronald Reagan.

I am sure many are asking how the youngest Member of Congress can relate to the oldest President. Well, the truth is while growing up in the 80's I can only admit knowing of the President by seeing him on TV, but it was the eight years of his presidency that helped define the principles I hold today.

In my mind, President Reagan is still as relevant today as he was during his presidency. In fact, many of the issues we face today are eerily similar to those we faced in the 1980's—Tax Code reform, volatility in the Middle East, discussions about America's strength and role among the global community and our uniqueness, but most importantly the role of government in our lives.

It was Reagan who took on the daunting task of Tax Code simplification, and he got it done. He helped America regain her economic footing again; and it's the same level ground we are seeking today.

It was Reagan that always displayed that characteristic optimism of America's brilliance that was so vital to the American mindset back then. It's with that optimism that we found our strength especially during difficult times.

Communism was plaguing the world—we defeated it.

The tragedy of the Challenger—it was Reagan that comforted us, but reminded us that "the future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted; it belongs to the brave."

Today, we find ourselves facing a dangerous ideology that runs counter to ours, and we are constantly reminded that the future we strive towards is no less challenging and risky than that of previous generations. We are witnesses to new and vital democratic movements around the world, and yet again today we are going through the growing pains of what government means to us.

As I conclude my remarks, I think it is only fitting to do so with a Reagan quote that encapsulated the final words of his third State of the Union, and that sums up the legacy he left behind, that we strive for again, and why my generation and I are able to stand before you today . . . .

"Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time; that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith."

Well, Mr. President, job well done. We'll take it from here.

## A TRIBUTE TO HATTIE RUTH PERSONS-NELSON

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson.

Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson was born on July 20, 1938 to the late Woodward Thomas Person and Hattie Williams-Persons in Buena Vista, Georgia. Hattie was a delightful youngster who loved to laugh and had a zest for learning, completing two grades in one year in grade school.

Hattie migrated to New York City in 1959 where she resided on Washington Avenue with her aunt, Fannie Williams, and maternal uncle, Elder Eugene Williams, founding pastor of the Evergreen Church of God In Christ. Hattie was a dedicated member of Evergreen before changing her place of worship in 1972 where she joined the New Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend A.L. Cunningham and Reverend Richard J. Lawson, current pastor.

Hattie's dedication to the Lord and her church compelled her to work tirelessly in pursuit of the crown she will receive in heaven. In her service at Evergreen Church of God In Christ, Hattie served as a Trustee, Data Entry Secretary, president of the Hospitality Committee, Christian Council member, Women's Day Committee secretary, and special projects organizer. In her service at New Canaan Baptist Church, this servant of God was president of the Senior choir, president of Georgia/Alabama Club, member of the dynamic traveling Mass Choir, member of the Matron Mission Club, Chairperson of Women's Day, Pastor's Aide Club member and Church Clerk.

Hattie loved organizing a project and recruited any and everyone who crossed her path. She was passionate about upholding the legacy of the African-American Experience through her yearly Black History Month celebrations, empowering youth with educational trips to Washington, DC, giving out literature, overseeing yearly family reunions, and organizing various fundraisers and events bringing family and friends together, including her famous Reach One, Teach One programs. Hattie can surely be described as a people person, a mover and shaker, a person of purpose and passion, always lending a hand in support of some cause, albeit large or small.

Hattie was an employee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in New York for thirty years before retiring. After retirement, she joined the campaign for Congressman EDOLPHUS TOWNS and was later hired to work at the Towns' House of Representatives District Office on Court Street, downtown Brooklyn. She was always dedicated to the service of her community. Hattie will be dearly missed by all who worked with her.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson.

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Marriage Week, which occurs annually during the week of February 7th. National Marriage Week was established to help couples strengthen their commitment to each other by hosting special events, marriage classes, and home support groups. While it is important for couples to focus on their marriage every day, National Marriage Week is an excellent opportunity for Americans to rededicate themselves to their spouse and to their family.

Marriage was ordained by God and instituted among men. It is the glue that binds the American family, and the safest harbor in which to raise children. Studies indicate that men and women who have a strong marriage tend to live longer, have better health, and experience more personal joy. Strong marriages also create the safest harbor for children to flourish and experience the complete spiritual, moral, emotional, educational, and financial benefits of both parents.

I have been a long-time advocate of traditional marriage, and have been proud to support numerous pieces of legislation to protect this sacred institution. The family structure is the cornerstone of our society, and I can think of no better time to emphasize its importance than National Marriage Week. I encourage all Americans to use this opportunity to renew their commitment and devotion to their spouse, and to personally take the steps they can to preserve this important institution.

## WAYNE PISANO CONGRESSIONAL REMARKS

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Wayne Pisano, Sanofi Pasteur President and CEO, for his service to the vaccine industry and Pennsylvania upon his retirement from the company.

A St. John Fisher College biology undergraduate and MBA graduate of the University of Dayton, Ohio, Wayne combines a deep understanding of science as the key to human health, while employing a perceptive knowledge of business strategy and growth through meeting critical public health needs. Wayne has consistently demonstrated a keen ability to understand the movement of the vaccine market and work proactively to position Sanofi Pasteur as both a leader in vaccine production and a role model for partnerships and foresight within the industry.

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